

Amendments to the Claims

Claims 1-14 were pending in the Application prior to the outstanding Office Action. In the Office Action, the Examiner rejected Claims 1-14. Applicants have amended claims 1, 7, and 13 and canceled claims 8 and 14. All pending claims are reproduced below, including those that remain unchanged.

1. (Currently Amended) A system for a telephone, comprising:
 - (a) a mechanical device associated with a conversation element;
 - (b) a memory, coupled to the mechanical device, for storing an internal conversation element representing an audible utterance for a remote listener in an ongoing conversation; ~~and~~
 - (c) a processor, coupled to the memory and the mechanical device, for generating the audible utterance in response to a user interaction with the mechanical device and the conversation element; and
 - (d) a second mechanical device associated with ending a quiet mode; wherein the processor, in response to user interaction with the second mechanical device is configured to accept audible utterances from a party local to the telephone and transmit the accepted audible utterances through the telephone.
2. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the mechanical device includes a first button
3. (Original) The system of claim 1, wherein the processor includes an audio generator.
4. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - (d) an impedance matching circuit coupled to the processor.
5. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:
 - (d) an earpiece, coupled to the processor, for receiving the audible utterance and a voice of the remote listener.

6. (Original) The system of claim 1, further comprising:

- (d) an audio output for coupling to a mobile telephone input.

7. (Currently Amended) A system for a telephone, comprising:

- (a) a plurality of mechanical devices associated with conversation elements;
- (b) a memory, coupled to the plurality of mechanical devices, for storing a plurality of internal conversation elements, each internal conversation element representing an audible utterance to be transmitted to a remote listener in an ongoing conversation; and
- (c) a processor, coupled to the memory and the plurality of mechanical devices, the processor for generating an audible utterance in response to a user selection of a mechanical device from the plurality of mechanical devices; and
- (d) wherein the processor, in response to user interaction with the plurality of mechanical devices is configured to end a quiet mode and accept audible utterances from a party local to the telephone and transmit the accepted audible utterances through the telephone.

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to disclose to the remote listener that a local party cannot conveniently speak, but wishes for the remote user to continue speaking.

10. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to respond to a query from the remote listener.

11. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to disclose to

the remote listener that a local party is ending the conversation and will contact the remote listener at a later time.

12. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 7, wherein the plurality of mechanical devices includes a touch screen displaying text associated with a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements.

13. (Currently Amended) A system for a telephone, comprising:

- (a) a plurality of mechanical devices associated with conversation elements;
- (b) a memory, coupled to the plurality of mechanical devices, for storing a plurality of internal conversation elements, each internal conversation element representing an audible utterance to be transmitted to a remote listener in an ongoing conversation; ~~and~~
- (c) a processor, coupled to the memory and the plurality of mechanical devices, the processor for generating an audible utterance in response to a user selection of a mechanical device from the plurality of mechanical devices;

wherein a conversation element from the plurality of conversation elements represents an audible utterance that is configured to elicit a verbal response from the remote listener; and

wherein the processor, in response to user interaction with the plurality of mechanical devices is configured to end a quiet mode and accept audible utterances from a party local to the telephone and transmit the accepted audible utterances through the telephone.

14. (Cancelled)